

amend Articles 400 and 401 of the Penal Code and more effectually to suppress the issuance and circulation of paper money. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Confederate Relations recommended the passage of a joint resolution to increase the pay of non-commissioned officers and privates in the Confederate States Army.

A bill donating land to Texas soldiers was read 2nd time. A motion to lay Mr. Hartley's substitute on the table was lost by the casting vote of the President. The subject was then postponed until 11 o'clock A.M. on Monday.

Mr. Hartley introduced a bill to establish a Board of Commerce and Manufactures. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Military Affairs recommended the passage of a bill in relation to the disposition of percussion caps.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill for the relief of James P. Dumas. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Hord introduced a bill supplemental to the act of March 6, 1863, for the support of families and dependents of soldiers. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Harcourt presented the memorial of J. C. Hayden and E. W. Crawford for land. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to prevent Sabbath breaking was read 2nd time. Mr. Throckmorton offered a substitute which was adopted. Sundry propositions to amend being made, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. Monday, Messrs. Jowers and Hord having been announced as a Committee on Treasurer's books.

Senate Chamber, Monday, November 23, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

A bill to punish certain offences committed on Sunday was reported correctly engrossed.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts reported the

blank in the bill for relief of James P. Dumas be filled with \$3325.63/100 and that the bill be passed.

A bill prescribing the duties of the District Attorneys was read 3rd time, amended, and passed.

A joint resolution of thanks to Texan soldiers was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend an act to punish speculation in certain cases was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the City of Austin or elsewhere was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton was read 2nd time. Substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

A resolution to adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday, 1st December was postponed until next Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following bills were announced from the House:

A bill concerning common carriers and defining their liabilities in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to regulate the distillation of spirituous or ardent liquors. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to provide for special terms of the district courts for trials of persons charged with high crimes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill for relief of John Murchison was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to authorize the use of jails of the several counties for the custody of deserters was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend Article 392 of the Penal Code was read 2nd time and laid on table.

Mr. Jordan introduced a bill to define and punish the crime of disloyalty to the State of Texas. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A joint resolution authorizing the Military Board to pay the Confederate tax levied on Whitescarver, Campbell

and Company was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Sulphur Fork Iron Company was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed on call of yeas and nays unanimously.

A joint resolution in relation to the purchase of beeves in Texas by Payne and Company with counterfeit Confederate money was read 2nd time and substitute adopted. The 1st and 2nd Sections were stricken out and resolution passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution in relation to the Confederate Government owning land for docks, etc. was read 2nd time. Substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Tuesday, November 24, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land Claims reported a bill for the relief of L. C. Ferguson founded on his memorial. Read 1st time. Also bill for relief of heirs of M. B. Crawford was read 1st time.

The Judiciary Committee reported a bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to establish a Penal Code and recommended its passage.

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton and a bill for the relief of John Murchison were reported correctly engrossed.

Mr. Jowers introduced a bill for the relief of Messrs. Billips and Hassell. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hord introduced a bill to provide for electing Senators and Representatives to the 11th Legislature in counties occupied by the public enemy. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to amend the 3rd section of an act to change and provide a uniform time for terminat-